

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

When AT&T makes the deal they did with COMCAST, and the news is that such a deal "could make a tough player" in the marketplace (Detroit Free Press 12/21/01), it shows that the media are out of touch and/or complicit in the conglomeration and corporatization of the PUBLIC airwaves.